



October 1, 2023

Dear High School Counselor,

Experience Clemson! As the School Counselor, you know the importance of getting an early start on planning for college. Clemson University Learning Institute (CULI) developed the C-CATS program to give high school students a competitive advantage as they prepare for college.

C-CATS, *Clemson's Challenge for Academically Talented Students*, is a program designed for high-achieving 9th and 10th grade students. C-CATS introduces top-ranking students to Clemson University through exciting weekend adventures that engage them in the academic, social, and recreational opportunities offered at Clemson. Over 4,500 students have participated in this program over the last decade. Participants are nominated by their school counselor.

Please nominate the current 9th and 10th grade students you expect to be ranked in the top 10% of their class, whose academic records predict a score of 1300 or higher on the SAT, and who you think will benefit from this program. To nominate a student online, please go to:

c-cats.org/nominate

We will extend an invitation to the parents of each student nominated, asking them to consider sending their student to one of the C-CATS weekends from March to May 2024. Since these weekend sessions will be personalized and provide hands-on experiences, each session will be limited to 50 students (25 males and 25 females). Sessions fill up quickly, so please submit your nominations online at the above link no later than **December 7, 2023**.

A brochure is included for your review and is complete with all of the important details. To learn even more, please visit our website at www.c-cats.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cuccats

Thank you for your partnership and support of Clemson University and C-CATS. We look forward to seeing your students in the spring!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan deMelo'.

Jonathan deMelo
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